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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 755
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A RESOLUTION to welcome participants in the World Airline
Basketball Tournament to Memphis.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to recognize these noteworthy athletic events and welcome the participants of such events to our great state; and

WHEREAS, the members of this body and the citizens of our state were excited to learn that the fabled World Airline Basketball Tournament will be held in Memphis the week of May 8-13, 2000; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious event will be an important part of the International Week for the Memphis in May celebration; and

WHEREAS, the teams are comprised of airline employees. The international squads include KLM (Holland, Aer Lingus (Ireland) men and women, Air France; Quantas (Australia two teams, Ansett (Australia) women, Air New Zealand women, Star Alliance, a combination of SAS (Denmark), Ansett (Australia) and Lufhansa (Germany) and TAP Air Portugal; and

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WHEREAS, the United States teams scheduled to appear include, Delta (Atlanta), American (Los Angeles), Northwest (Detroit), Northwest (Memphis), Northwest Airlines Basketball Club (Memphis and the Host Team); and

WHEREAS, the World Airline Basketball Tournament began in 1992, and has been played in such sites as Lisbon, Portugal; the Gold Coast area of Australia; Atlanta, Georgia; Dublin, Ireland; and London, England; and

WHEREAS, the event will draw approximately 350 visitors to Memphis with an economic benefit of approximately \$500,000; and

WHEREAS, while in Memphis, team members will speak to Craigmont High School students providing valuable information about their respective countries; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to honor the organizers and participants of this world event; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we specially recognize everyone affiliated with the World Airline Basketball Tournament, and extend to them a hearty welcome to the great city of Memphis and to Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.